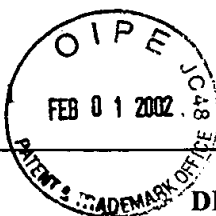


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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING THE PROXIMAL END OF A MEDICAL DEVICE; the specification of which was filed on **October 12, 2001** as Application Serial No. **09/976,679**.

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